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Applicant : Wallace T.Y. Tang

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Title : IN-SITU REAL-TIME MONITORING TECHNIQUE AND APPARATUS FOR
ENDPOINT DETECTION OF THIN FILMS DURING
CHEMICAL/MECHANICAL POLISHING PLANARIZATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated October 8, 2003, be extended for three months to and including April 8, 2004.

Enclosed is a check for \$950 for the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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